

my present object is to collect materials for the first number, which I want immediately. I should like them as early as the last of next week, and must have them as early as the first of week after next. It will not do for me to fill up the ~~rest of the~~ first number from my own pen, though I shall give a full share of editorial matter. I should like to have the whole paper original.

This is a great undertaking, considering that I have no money, and if my friends do not rally strongly for my support, it will ruin me. I hope that you will do what you can for me. Let me hear from you as soon as convenient. Yours &c. Luther Lee.
Rev. A. A. Phelps.

P.S. I send you the first two letters between Mr. Thomas and myself.

Rev. Luther Lee,
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Lowell Feb. 24. 1842.

Dear Brother Phelps:- I have resolved on publishing the paper about which I conversed with you. I think I shall issue the first number week after next, dated April first, and then the second number will be issued the 15 of April, as it will be published every other week. I wish you to write a short article for the first number. You may write an argument in favor of the publication of such a paper, or you may ^{write} on any thing coming within the range of subjects suited to the design of the paper. As I wish to get as great a variety in the first number as possible, it will be necessary that short articles be provided; better two short ones than one long one.

If you can engage some other person also to write, you will do me a great favor. I wish to engage some of the best writers to furnish ~~the~~ occasional articles, who shall have a copy, for so doing, but